

## BISHOP EUGENE EDWARD HAMILTON



### FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

"Accordingly, if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away and behold all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17



*In Loving Remembrance*  
OF  
**BISHOP EUGENE EDWARD HAMILTON**

BORN: MAY 18, 1890  
Bastrop, Texas

DEPARTED THIS LIFE: APRIL 20, 1973  
San Francisco, California



Service Held On  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1973 - 11:00 A.M.**

At The  
**THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1399 McALLISTER STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
REVEREND F. D. HAYNES, Host Pastor  
ELDER JOE NOBLE, Master of Ceremony

Interment  
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State and National Officials

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS  
District Superintendents and State Pastors



# *Obituary*

OF

## **BISHOP EUGENE EDWARD HAMILTON**

**MAY 18, 1890 - APRIL 20, 1973**

A GIANT is dead! We are privileged in our life time to be exposed to the wisdom and spiritual vitality of a chosen few men who are especially selected by God for the building of his kingdom. Bishop E. E. Hamilton was one of those men.

Eugene E. Hamilton was born in Bastrop County, Texas, May 18, 1890. He spent his early life on a farm with his mother and grandparents and at ten years of age he moved with his mother to Austin, Texas. When he was nearing the age of fifteen, his mother became blind and young Eugene Hamilton assumed full responsibility for support of the family. He was energetic, thrifty and wise beyond his years in managing the affairs of the family. Despite his youth, he recognized the value of education and therefore attended the public schools at Bastrop and later supported himself and his family while attending Samuel Houston College in Austin, Texas.

The spirit of God led him to attend a revival service in Austin, Texas which was being conducted by the late Reverend F. C. V. Foard. He was converted and became a member of the Church Of God In Christ on August 1, 1917 in the City of Austin, Texas. He was called to the Ministry in 1918 and served as a dynamic evangelist and successful pastor in the State of Texas for more than twenty-four years. During those years many souls were converted and his ministry resulted in the founding of more than thirty churches. God especially annointed his ministry and his recognition as a gospel preacher spread throughout the length and breadth of the nation and throughout the Church Of God In Christ.

While laboring in the State of Texas, he served as State President of the Y.P.W.W., Secretary-Treasurer, District Superintendent and as President of the Page Normal Bible Institute, a school operated by the Church Of God In Christ in Hearne, Texas. The Reverend Hamilton pastored two major churches during the last years of his labor in the state of Texas, namely, the Denver Heights Church Of God In Christ in San Antonio, Texas and the Love Chapel Church Of God In Christ in Fort Worth, Texas.

The spirit of God spoke to this manservant and in October, 1941, he was called to a small mission in San Francisco, California. The mission was located at 1511 Ellis Street and had a membership of less than fifteen members. In April of the following year the church under his leadership, leased a large church at 1760 Post Street where he worshipped with the growing congregation for several years. The church was now known as the Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ and God expanded his ministry to the extent that he felt a compulsion to reach the masses through broadcasting, a more effective means of mass communication. The Emmanuel Church Of God In Christ was the first Black church to broadcast in the

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City of San Francisco. His ministry touched the souls of many and his membership increased steadily and in early 1950 the congregation purchased land at 1540 Post Street where the Reverend Hamilton directed the erection of the first Black church edifice in San Francisco.

On January 10, 1955, the Reverend Hamilton was ordained Bishop and he served initially over the diocese of the State of Idaho. He was a man of inexhaustible vitality, love and human kindness and after serving many years as a District Superintendent in Northern California, God gave him the wisdom, the fellowship of the Brethren, and the consent of the General Church to organize the State of California Northwest of the Churches Of God In Christ, over which he presided as State Bishop until his death on April 20, 1973, at the age of 82.

The State of California Northwest was organized on the platform of peace and harmony and now consists of one hundred pastorships and many small missions. Many successful churches have been founded by men who began their ministry at the feet of this great servant of God. Bishop Hamilton was a lover of mankind and had the rare quality of true human sensitivity. He pioneered an ecumenical spirit of brotherhood among clergymen of all races and denominational affiliations. He won the admiration of all who knew him, not only in the Church Of God In Christ, but Brethren of all Faiths and men of all walks of life.

He was not proud and often willingly and with great humility condescended to men of low estate. He was first and foremost a Churchman—a man of God. He was a profound and charismatic leader and full proof of his ministry was evidenced by the dramatic growth of his diocese.

Bishop Hamilton, in his long and successful career was recognized by the national church as a leader of extraordinary ability.

During better than fifty-five years in the ministry, he served with distinction in a variety of National Offices. He was General Secretary of the National Church; he was a member of the Board of Special Commissioners; he was a member of the National Board of Bishops and was Chairman of the National Advisory Board. This man, through a life of dedication and service, has indeed left his mark upon the building of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In 1970 this man of God found it necessary to seek an alternative place of worship due to the acquisition of the Post Street Church property by the City and County of San Francisco. He was led to acquire the lovely church now enjoyed by the congregation at 1649 Hayes Street, which stands as a final monument to his dynamic leadership.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Bessie L. Hamilton; two sons, Mr. Eugene E. and the Reverend Wilburn W. Hamilton; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth E. Langston, Mrs. Primrose O. Martin and Mrs. Lucille Jones; one brother, Mr. Clarence Hendricks; fourteen grand children; eight great grand children and a host of other relatives and a multitude of friends.

A GIANT is dead, but his work and his spirit will live forever!



# Order of Services

FOR

## BISHOP EUGENE EDWARD HAMILTON

PROCESSIONAL .....

SCRIPTURES: Old Testament — Lev. 11:44 ..... Supt. Clarence Davis

SCRIPTURES: New Testament — Matt. 1:21 ..... Elder Arelious Walker

INVOCATION ..... Elder M. Mathis

SELECTION ..... Northern States Combined Choirs

North West State ..... Mrs. Joyce M. Sneed

North 1st Jurisdiction ..... Mr. Ronald Thompson

North Central ..... Minister Eric Lyons

Valley Central ..... Elder Eddie Magee

EXPRESSIONS: (2 Minutes Each)

Emmanuel Church Officers: Pastored by the late Bishop E. E. Hamiltan  
Assistant Pastor ..... Elder H. Hollis

Chairman of Deacon Board ..... Deacon Eugene Mason

President of Women's Department ..... Sister Adelle Coleman

Church Resolution ..... Sister Georgia Houston, Church Secretary

SELECTION ..... Combined Choirs

EXPRESSIONS: North West State Representatives - (2 Minutes Each)

Representative of District Superintendents ..... Supt. O. F. Folsome

Representative of State Pastors ..... Supt. A. T. Wagoner

Representative of Youth Departments ..... Elder Ted Johnson

Resolution: State Secretary ..... Bishop W. A. Sims, Sr.

State Supervisor ..... Dr. Mattie McGlothen

Representative of Women's Departments ..... Missionary L. Ussery

Resolution ..... Missionary Louise Perrodin

SOLO: (Request) ..... State Evangelist Board, Evang. R. A. Daniels  
"God's Tomorrow"

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 1st JURISDICTION: (2 Minutes Each)

State Bishop ..... Bishop R. B. Stewart

State Supervisor ..... Mother E. M. Devers

NORTH CENTRAL STATE: (2 Minutes Each)

Admin. Assistant ..... Elder Martin J. Clifton

State Supervisor ..... Mother Pearl Wilburn

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VALLEY CENTRAL STATE (2 Minutes Each)

State Bishop ..... Bishop W. S. Wilson  
State Supervisor ..... Mother A. Woods

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARD AND TELEGRAMS ..... Sister Mary Franklin

OBITUARY ..... Sister Faidest N. Wagoner

SOLO: (Request) — "Thy Way O'Lord" ..... Bro. D. Leon Sneed

EXPRESSIONS: National Officers and Executive Board Members

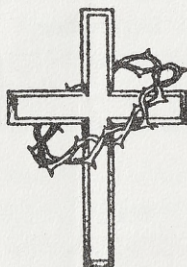
RESOLUTION: From the Office of the Presiding Bishop

SOLO: (Request) ..... "I Don't Know About Tomorrow"

EULOGY ..... Bishop J. O. Patterson, National and International Bishop

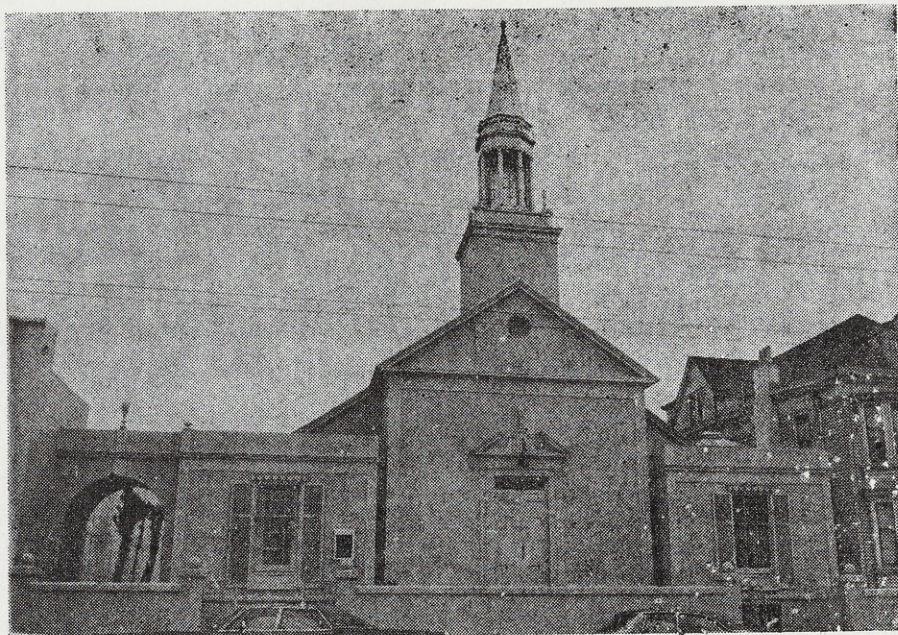
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**PSALMS 134:1-3**

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which  
by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.



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